

Henry Washington

Feb 20, 2019

Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I personally have realized our resources on this planet is precious and is getting scarce and I do my part to reduce electrical usage/wastage. I have one of the most cost efficient homes in my community. It is about saving for our next generation, our children, and their children but if you are going to penalize me, and single me out because of my low usage, being elderly, on Medicare, and on a fix budget. That is unfair to me as well as others in this state! By raising our rates you are discouraging conservation and placing us at risk for turning off our electricity because we can't afford to pay the increased rates or have to seek government assistance to help us keep the lights on in our homes. Please, consider keeping your current rates. Thank you, concerned South Carolinians.

Sincerely,
Henry Washington

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